

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 13, 15-20, and 37-44 remain pending in the present application, Claims 20, 37 and 43 having been amended by way of the present amendment. No new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Ex Parte Quayle Action, Claims 13, 15-19, 37-42, and 44 were indicated as allowed, Claims 20 and 43 were objected to as being of improper dependent form, and Claim 37 was objected to due to informalities.

As an initial matter, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that Claims 13, 15-19, 37-42, and 44 are allowed, and the indication that Claims 20, 37, and 43 would be allowed if amended to overcome the objections set forth in the Ex Parte Quayle Action.

Accordingly, to comply with the Ex Parte Quayle Action request, Claim 37 has been amended to correct the typographical error therein, as suggested on page 2. Specifically, the word “later” was properly changed to “layer.” Additionally, Claims 20 and 43 have been amended to properly depend from Claims 13 and 37, respectively. Specifically, Claim 20 has been amended to recite “The method of claim 13, wherein the electronic component is a microelectronic device.” Similar amendments were made to Claim 43. Thus, both the objection to Claims 20 and 43 and the objection to Claim 37 are believed to have been overcome.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussions, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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